15.04 hrs.

Title: Need for expeditious environment clearance to pending proposals of Upper Indravati Project in Kalahandi district of Orissa.

SHRI BIKRAM KESARI DEO (KALAHANDI): Sir, all forest and environment clearance proposals pending with the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, be cleared in respect of Upper Indravati Project in Kalahandi District as it is impeding development activities in the chronically drought-prone District and the canal construction works have stopped.